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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 18, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the heat exchanger configuration of Fig. 7-10 and the membrane species of Fig. 13. Applicants believe that this election represents a substantive and complete response to the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants believe that the following claims correspond to the elected species:

Generic claim 37 directed to an energy recovery ventilator ("ERV") comprising a separator comprising an at least partially sulfonated random hydrocarbon copolymer ionomer membrane;

Dependent claim 38 (further limiting membrane in ERV of claim 37 to be permeable to water vapor, which permeability is described at paragraphs [0040] through [0043] of the Specification, but which is not shown explicitly in a Figure);

Dependent claim 41 (limiting gas streams in ERV of claim 37 to crossflow relationship as shown in the embodiment of Fig. 7);

Dependent claim 42 (adding limitation of a three-dimensional structure disposed in at least one passageway of ERV of claim 37 as shown in the embodiment of Fig. 13);

Dependent claim 43 (further limiting three-dimensional structure of claim 41 to structure that comprises pyramids as shown in the embodiment of Fig. 8).

Dependent claim 46(the ERV of claim 37, further comprising a substantially two-dimensional reinforcement structure associated with the membrane to support the membrane, as shown in the embodiment of Fig. 13); and

Dependent claim 47 (the ERV of claim 46 wherein said substantially two-dimensional reinforcement structure comprises a two dimensional trigonal structure, as shown in the embodiment of Fig. 13).

Applicants respectfully wish to point out that they believe that generic claim 37 is allowable because of the novel composition of the “an at least partially sulfonated random hydrocarbon copolymer ionomer membrane.” Applicants respectfully point out that, in such an instance, all claims depending from an allowable generic claim are also allowable. Hence, in the event that generic claim 37 is deemed allowable, claims 39, 40, and 44-45, and 48-52 are also to be considered as elected claims, and in this regard, Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants believe that no fees are due on account of the submission of this paper. However, if Applicant is incorrect and fees are due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Applicants attach hereto a copy of all claims presently pending in the application. Claims 37-52 were originally present at the time the present application was filed. Applicants believe the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and are patentable over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the pending claims and a prompt Notice of Allowance thereon.

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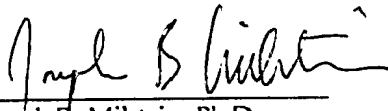
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